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November 27, 2002

The Honorable Paul H. O'Neill
Secretary
U.S. Department of Treasury
Room 3330
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

Subject: Final Audit Certification (OIG No. 02-1-19WIN), Federal Payment for the
Washington Interfaith Network (Pub. L. Nos. 106-522 and 107-96)

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has completed its certification work in connection with the subject audit project. As you are aware, Pub. L. No. 106-522 obligates the OIG to certify matching funds received and costs incurred by the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) for pre-construction activities carried out at the former Fort Dupont Dwellings and Additions. The law states that the U.S. Treasury may reimburse WIN for costs incurred in an amount not to exceed \$1 million and that the reimbursement must occur by December 31, 2001. Pub. L. No. 107-96 extended the reimbursement deadline to December 31, 2002.

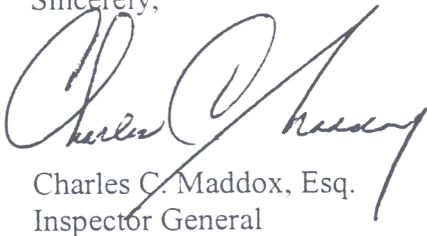
The OIG began fieldwork for the certification process in early November 2001. Shortly thereafter, we noted that WIN had established a non-profit corporation, WIN/Enterprise Fort Dupont Nehemiah Homes, Inc. (WEFD), to provide home ownership opportunities in the Fort Dupont Dwellings neighborhood of the District. Furthermore, WEFD had engaged Enterprise Homes, Inc., a development management services company, to manage the Fort Dupont Dwellings and Additions Project. However, we suspended our work in December of 2001, because WIN had not received matching funds from private sources for the Project and had not made its accounting records available to us at that time.

Upon learning that Pub. L. No. 107-96 extended the reimbursement deadline to December 31, 2002, we resumed our fieldwork in September of 2002. We examined accounting ledgers, journals, invoices, cancelled checks, etc., of Enterprise Homes and WEFD. The results of our certification review are as follows:

- WIN received \$1 million in matching funds from private sources (including funds provided through loans) to carry out pre-construction activities at the former Fort Dupont Dwellings and Additions.
- WIN carried out pre-construction activities at the former Fort Dupont Dwellings and Additions and incurred \$1 million in costs in doing so.

If you have questions, please contact me or William J. DiVello, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, at (202) 727-2540.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles C. Maddox", written over a horizontal line.

Charles C. Maddox, Esq.
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